(provisional) issue, showing the impression on blue paper instead of on thin buff. It is the only one known to be extant. The London Philatelist makes the following extract from an American paper:—
"Kept for 60 years, merely because of family associations, and then by chance discovered to be of value, sold for \$4,000, is the history of a stamp which has just found its way into the collection of Geo. H. Worthington, stamp fancier, in Cleveland, O."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(TO THE EDITOR AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIST.)

Dear Sir,—Referring to the variety New South Wales Id. diadem issue with compound perforation, I beg to inform you that I possessed two copies of this stamp for some years, perf. 12 x 13. One I have at present in my collection (which I submit for your inspection), and the other I disposed of to Mr. Hausburg during his visit to Sydney in 1905. Strange to say both copies bore the same postmark, viz., "figures 110 surrounded by a dotted circle," which clearly shows that they were issued from the same office, and probably from the same sheet, although apparently they were not a pair, as Mr. Hausburg examined them most carefully, and was very satisfied on that point. I would be glad to know if the variety referred to by you shows any trace of the above postmark, and if any of your readers could state at what post-office this postmark was in use at that period (1860-'62).—Yours faithfully,

P. MALONE.

[We have verified the perfs. above referred to.—ED. Aus. Phil.]

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